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Dry Don amontillado, with just that touch of dryness, 17/6

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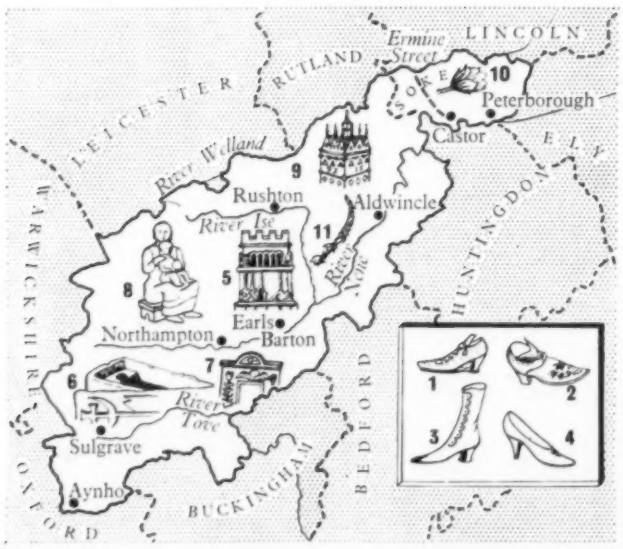
Shell guide to NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



Much of it is rather a secretive midland, a nightingale and bullfinch county of small hill after hill, small valley after valley, field after field, with brown earth – which is a hint of that ironstone which is mined from just below the surface. For a long while man has busied himself in Northants with more than cows and crops. The Romans worked the ironstone. In Roman days potteries flourished at Castor just off that Roman road we call Ermine Street; and if Northampton's modern business of making shoes seems less romantic, have a look in the museum there, and see the strange assortment of footwear of all shapes, sizes and dates (17th-century (1), 18th-century (2), 19th-century (3), and modern (4)). A stony county, of stone buildings (including the fine Saxon tower (5) of Earls Barton Church), ancient stone coffins (6), finely carved cherubic gravestones (7), stone-tiled roofs, stone walls. Other things to be seen in Northants include Sulgrave Manor, ancestral home of the Washingtons and of George Washington's forebears, the noble and tender Madonna and Child (8) by Henry Moore in St Matthew's Church, Northampton, and the Triangular Lodge (9) at Rushton, a folly built by Sir Thomas Tresham in threes and multiples of three (and in 1593) to symbolize the Trinity. Flowers to search for include the surprising Pasque Flower (10) in the spring and Lady's Tresses orchid (11) in the autumn, two plants of the old quarry ground in the NE. of the county. A great Northamptonshire man to remember is the poet, John Dryden, master of purest and strongest English, born at Aldwincle All Saints rectory in 1631. He may remind us also that our "standard English" descends from the East Midland speech of this county.

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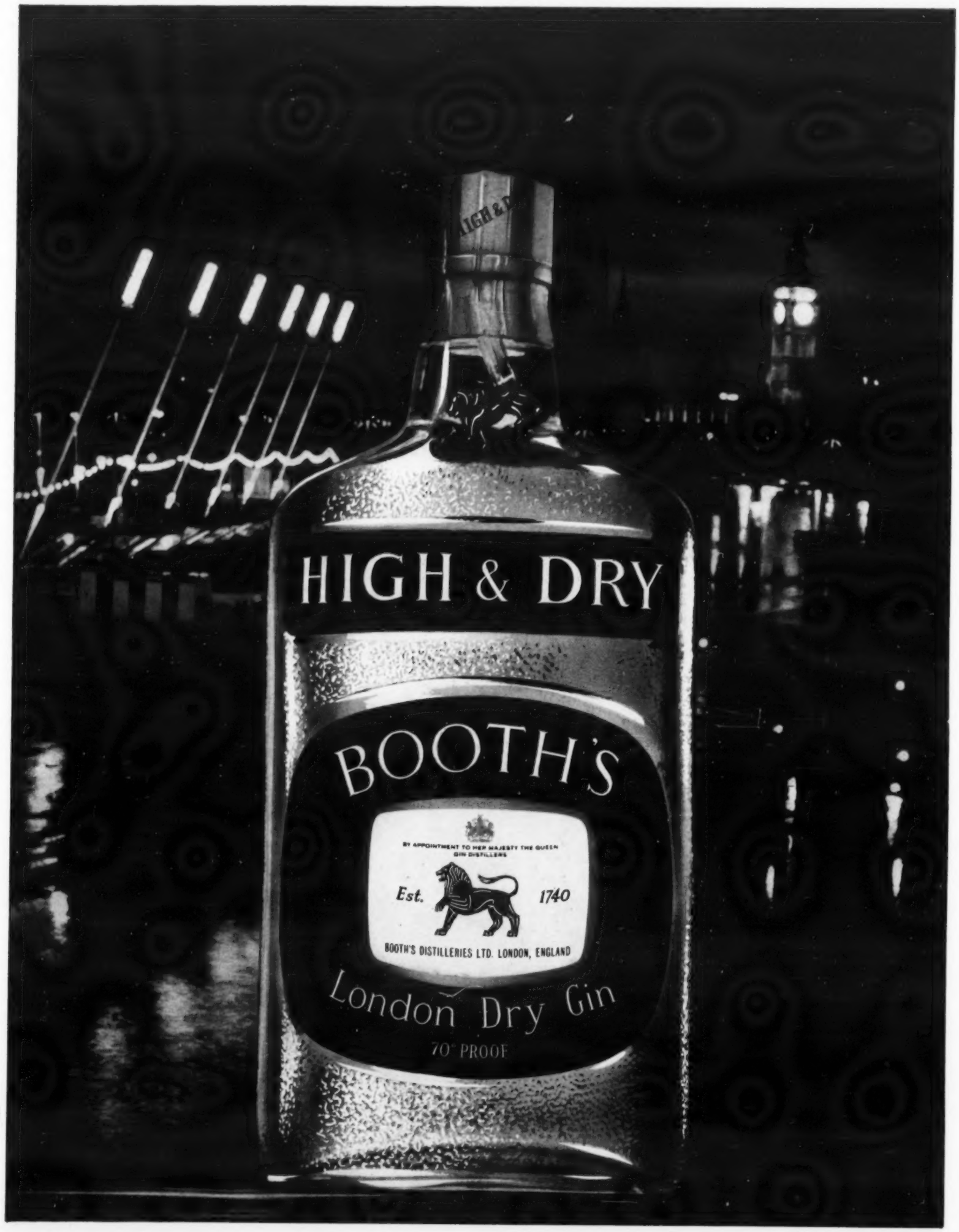

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